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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application

Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed; Herewith

For: Nucleic Acids, Kits, and Methods for the Diagnosis, Prognosis and

Treatment of Glaucoma and Related Disorders

Inventor(s): NGUYEN et al

Our Ref: 07425.0057

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- 1. Utility patent Application Transmittal (PTO/SB/05);
- 2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Nucleic Acids, Kits, and Methods for the Diagnosis, Prognosis and Treatment of Glaucoma and Related Disorders;

which is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application 08/938,669, filed September 26, 1997;

and naming as inventor(s):

Thai D. Nguyen; Ron R. Polansky; Pu Chen; Hua Chen the application comprising:

- a. An 85 page specification containing:
  - (i) 55 pages of description prior to the sequence listings;

- (ii) 18 pages of sequences prior to claims;
- (iii) 11 pages of claims (90 claims);
- (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 23 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-8); and
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